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IU Jay display



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Isabella Puusepp and Zander Hudson are two of 13 Jay County High School students who have their artwork on display at IU Health Jay in Portland. The opportunity for student art to be displayed at the hospital grew out of an idea from nurse Lisa Manor to offer the space to IU Health Jay employees.

Artwork from Jay County High School students is adorning the wall of the hospital's main hallway

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The blue wall of the south hallway at the hospital got a little more personality this week.

IU Health Jay has partnered with Jay County High School to display student art in the facility, with the first pieces being hung this week.

"We're excited about this adventure," said Christina Schemenaur, chief operating officer and chief nursing officer for IU Health Jay. "It's just a way for us to display some of the talent in the community."

She explained that the idea for swapping out the hospital's "drab" existing artwork that dates back decades came from IU Health Jay nurse Lisa Manor. She initially suggested opening up the walls to display work from hospital employees.

When that opportunity failed to yield any submissions, Schemenaur started looking for other options this summer. That

included reaching out to Jay County High School art teacher Tami Tillman, who was on board with the idea of displaying student art at the hospital.

"As the kids are creating artwork, learning to let go of it, number one, is really important," said Tillman. "Because that's hard."

"Number two, to be identified as an artist, not just a student ... it's important. This is something they can put on their resume. ... "And it's giving back to the community."

She asked students if they would be interested in having their work displayed, and this week 15 pieces by 13 students were hung in the south hallway between entrances A and B. They range from work done by students in Tillman's Level 1 high school classes to those in college-level courses covering color and design theory and art history through Ivy Tech.

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This piece by Jay County High School student Riley Garland is one of the group currently on display at IU Health Jay. The goal is to continue to add more student art to fill the hallways and waiting areas at the facility.

Former justice died at age 93

O'Connor was first woman on Supreme Court

By DAVID G. SAVAGE
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to ascend to the high court and its most influential jurist for much of her 24-year career, died Friday.

O'Connor announced in 2018 that she had been diagnosed with the early stages of dementia. She died Friday morning in Phoenix, the court announced. She was 93.

Until her retirement in 2006, O'Connor was often described as the most powerful woman in America as well as one of its most admired public officials. She was a centrist on an ideologically divided court, and she used her position to steer a middle course on the controversial issues of her time, including affirmative action, abortion, religion and the death penalty.

The daughter of an Arizona cattle rancher, she made history the day she arrived at the Supreme Court in 1981. Until then, the justices were known as "the brethren," the nine men who had the final word on the meaning of the U.S. Constitution.

President Ronald Reagan had made a campaign promise in 1980 to appoint a woman to the Supreme Court when the first vacancy arose. And the opportunity came sooner than Reagan might have guessed. Just four months after Reagan took office, Justice Potter Stewart passed on the word he planned to retire at the end of June.

In his place, Reagan chose a little-known Arizona state judge who had been championed by Sen. Barry Goldwater, the conservative stalwart whose 1964 campaign for president had brought Reagan into national politics.

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Retrospect

Leaders worked toward building repairs

Thirty years ago this week, leaders were working toward repairing a community facility.

The Dec. 3, 1993, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the goal of repairing Bryant Community Center.

Leaders of Bryant Area Community Club were working on plans to secure the building for the future. Constructed by community volunteers in the 1950s, the former Bryant High School gym continued to serve as a community

center after consolidation with the opening of Jay County High School in 1975.

It was being used for basketball during the winter months by both adult groups and Bloomfield Elementary School. (The gym floor had not yet been damaged by the leaks.)

The club was working toward funding for the building project.

"The roof was leaking terribly," said Sara Stults, treasurer of Bryant Area Community Club. "We've patched it to last the winter, but

we're going to have to do some major repair work in the spring."

In addition to the roof work, the 40-year-old building needed a new furnace. (The group had looked into repairing the existing furnace, but had learned it would be cheaper to replace it.)

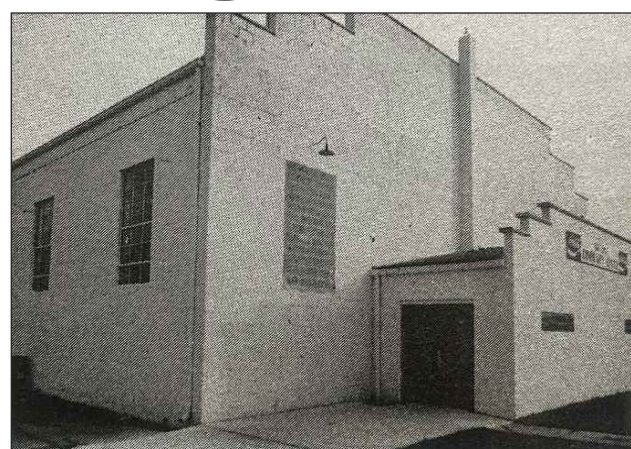
The building also needed to be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It needed restrooms to be redesigned to be handicapped accessible.

Bryant Area Community Club members had

raised some funds for the project and received a matching grant from The Portland Foundation. But the urgency of the roof work put the restroom project on hold.

In order to help raise funds for the repairs, the community center was planning to hold a craft show and bazaar. Rental fees and proceeds from a raffle and bake sale were to go toward the project.

Today, the building continues to serve as a community center adjacent to the new Bryant Area Park.



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Built with volunteer labor in the 1950s, the Bryant Area Community Center was originally the gym for Bryant High School.

Deaths

Donald Wagner, 86, Portland

Eileen Boeckman, 94, Coldwater, Ohio
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 46 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for highs in the upper 40s under cloudy skies. There is a 30% chance of rain tonight with a low in the upper 30s. Rain is in the forecast for Sunday with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 2 p.m. Monday in the auditorium at Jay County Courthouse. The meeting will include discussion of a highway department matter, Jay County Development Corporation and any other emergency items that may arise.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's JCHS and FRHS basketball games.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.



Obituaries

Donald Wagner

March 1, 1937-Dec. 1, 2023
Donald Wagner, age 86, a resident of Portland, passed away on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Don was born March 1, 1937, in Bryant, Indiana, the son of Raymond and Veronica (Minch) Wagner. He graduated from Bryant High School in 1955 and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.



Wagner

Don worked for Quick Plastics in Portland and retired from Pennville Custom Cabinets in Portland and was a member of Portland American Legion Post #211.

Don married Janet (Wolford) Miller on March 1, 1985.

Survivors include:
His wife — Janet Wagner, Portland, Indiana
Children — Kim Loy (husband: Doug), Portland, Indiana, Deanna Walker (husband:

Daniel), Portland, Indiana, and Christopher Miller, Portland, Indiana

Siblings — Gini Chacon, Judy Miller and Ed Wagner

Nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren
He was preceded in death by 12 siblings.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Don's life will follow at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. American Legion Post #211 will conduct military rites at the funeral home on Tuesday following the service.

Memorials may be directed to The Wounded Warrior Project.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Eileen Boeckman

June 17, 1929-Nov. 30, 2023
Eileen M. Boeckman, 94, of Coldwater, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at Briarwood Village.

She was born on June 17, 1929, in Maria Stein, Ohio, to the late Aloys and Philomena (Homan) Nieberding.

Eileen is survived by her children, Tom (Linda) Boeckman of Coldwater; John (Linda) Boeckman of Coldwater, Ron (Elly) Boeckman of Fort Recovery, Jane (Leo) Homan of Coldwater; Dale (Connie) Boeckman of Coldwater and Diane (Doug) Muhlenkamp of Coldwater; her 19 grandchildren and 50 great grandchildren; and her in-laws, Mary Agnes Boeckman of Coldwater; Bill (Jane) Boeckman of Coldwater and Mary Lou Nieberding of Maria Stein.

In addition to her parents, Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Boeckman, whom she married on July 26, 1950, and who passed away on May 21, 2002; her great-granddaughter, Maria; her brother, Robert Nieberding; and her in-



Boeckman

laws, Richard (Rita) Boeckman, Robert (Ethel) Boeckman, Ralph Boeckman, Mary (Ralph) Tumbusch, infant Wilma Boeckman and Virginia Boeckman.

Eileen was a 1947 graduate of the former St. John High School in Maria Stein. She was also a member of St. Peter Catholic Church and the church's Christians Mother Sodality.

In Eileen's earlier years, she was dedicated to raising her family and being a devoted farm wife. She was a humble and selfless person who always put everyone else's needs before her own. Later in life, she was dedicated to praying for others' needs and could be found in her home with her rosary always within arm's reach. She was proud of each of her grandchildren and treasured all their accomplishments. Eileen's greatest joy was celebrating the holidays and special occasions with her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at St. Peter Catholic Church with Father

Ethan Hoying celebrating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Guests may visit with Eileen's family on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, from 2 to 6 p.m. and again on Monday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

Memorial contributions may be given to EverHeart Hospice, 1350 N. Broadway St., Greenville, OH 45331, or the Fort Recovery Community Foundation, in care of the Friends of St. Peter Church, P.O. Box 52, Fort Recovery, OH 45846.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Sunday 12/3	Monday 12/4	Tuesday 12/5	Wednesday 12/6	Thursday 12/7
49/33	43/32	45/30	41/30	47/36
Rain is expected, mainly before 1 p.m. The high will be 49 with gusts to 25 miles per hour.	The forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high of 43 and a 20% chance of rain.	The high will be 45 under mostly cloudy skies. There is a 30% chance of rain.	Expect partly sunny skies with a high in the low 40s.	Skies will be partly sunny with a high of 47.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-5-9 Daily Four: 8-2-2-4 Quick Draw: 2-5-9-11-14-17-26-28-31-38-42-44-46-47-63-69-76-77-78-80	Pick 5: 6-2-2-6-0 Evening Rolling Cash 5: 2-4-10-17-31 Jackpot: \$100,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-3-6 Pick 4: 2-7-4-2	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$400 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$355 million

Markets

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Today in history

In 1763, the oldest synagogue — Touro Synagogue — in the United States was dedicated in Newport, Rhode Island. It was designed by English architect Peter Harrison.

In 1972, Jay Circuit Court Judge Keith Fraser announced the appointment of Bob Bowers as acting probation officer for the county, effective Jan. 1.

In 2021, the Jay County High School girls wrestling team won its first home dual meet 36-12 over Brebeuf Jesuit. Senior Lizzie Dollar needed just 41 seconds to pick up a victory over Nia Stewart in the 113-pound match.

In 2022, Blake Bogenschutz scored a game-high 18 points to lead the Jay County High School boys basketball team as it overcame a 13-point deficit for a 56-51 victory over the Woodlan Warriors.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community St.	Thursday 4 p.m. — Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

Display ...

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Zander Hudson explained the process he used to create a white on black portrait of his dog Zoey.

"I used a series of strokes and stippling, where you dot it to create a texture for her face," he said.

Isabella Puusepp, an exchange student from Estonia, has two pieces on display at the hospital. One is of a leaf she picked up in her neighbor's yard — it was her first project upon joining Tillman's class — and the other is of Smokey, her favorite cat to cuddle with as she spends the year with host parents Chris and Jennifer Nibarger.

"It's a fun experience," said Puusepp upon seeing her pieces on display at IU Health Jay. "I don't have that kind of experience at home. ... It makes it so much more fun."

In addition to Hudson and Puusepp, other student artists currently with work on display at the hospital are Riley Garland, Emily Smith, Max Klopffenstein, Peyton

Shannon, Lucie Henneaux, Jovanna Markovic, Lily Richards, Dylan Marentes, Tinatin Japaridze, Brooke Retter and 2023 graduate Olivia Duncan.

There are a couple of leaves, like Puusepp's, which were part of a project that involved drawing and then filling in the veins using different techniques and textures. Other pieces involve hatching, cross-hatching and stippling, such as Hudson's dog, and Duncan's work in pastels is from the Intro to 2D Art class she took last year.

With the initial 15 pieces in place, the plan is to keep expanding the displays of local art. More pieces from Jay County High School will be added through the course of the school year. Tillman said she'd also like to offer the opportunity to junior high students.

Schemenaur recently reached out to Fort Recovery High School about having student art displayed at the hospital. She also expressed an inter-

est in continuing to offer the opportunity to IU Health Jay employees and to adult artists in the community.

"I would love to fill all the blank space in the hallway, move the waiting areas," said Schemenaur. "If we get enough interest, move it to the doctor's office and their waiting areas, even some of the patient rooms."

She noted that IU Health Ball in Muncie offers space to local artists to display and sell their work, but that she's unaware of another facility in the system that has focused on student art.

Manor is thrilled to see her idea coming to life.

"I've been to other facilities that had similar things, artwork by local people," she said. "I thought, 'We don't have anything like that.' And what better way to join our hospital with our community than to bring community works in here. It just makes my heart happy."

Died ...

Continued from page 1
O'Connor was then a 51-year-old mother of three who had graduated near the top of her Stanford Law School class. Her instincts were those of a legislator, a job she held before becoming a judge.

She was appointed to the Arizona state Senate in 1969 and won reelection twice as a Republican. In 1973, she was elected as the majority leader, the first woman to head a state legislative body.

Her views on the great legal issues of the day were unknown, although she assured Reagan she found abortion personally "abhorrent." She won a quick confirmation from the Senate.

SMILE...

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Our Christmas Greetings issue will appear in The Commercial Review, The News-Gazette, The News Times and The News and Sun the week of Dec. 18.

Ads 15 inches or larger may include a photo of your staff. For those who provide their own photo, the fee will be \$20. (The fee will be waived if you get your photo to us by Nov. 30.) If you'd like us to come take your picture, the fee will be \$50.

Deadline for all ads & photos is December 8th!

We try hard not to miss anyone who wants to be in this issue.

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STEAM event set for Dec. 21

Jay County's Purdue Extension Office will host a Holiday STEAM event Dec. 21 at Jay County Public Library.

The event in partnership with Purdue University's Women in Engineering is open to third through sixth graders. It will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 21 at the library.

Registration is available at holidaysteam2023.4online.com. The deadline is Dec. 15.

For more information, call (260) 726-4707.

Seeking feedback

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is asking for feedback regarding how the state should spend federal grant funds to

Taking Note

improve Indiana's air quality.

IDEM received a \$3 million initial grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and develop a plan, and may be eligible to apply for additional funding to implement strategies.

At on.IN.gov/cprg, Hoosiers can find an overview of the grant and other details as well as a link to a survey regarding how the funds should be spent.



Photo provided

Sorority celebrates

Woman's life chapter Alpha Delta Gamma Nu of Portland recently celebrated its 75th anniversary of serving Jay County. Some of the members in attendance were, front row, Cheryl VanSkyock, Deb, McFarland, and Kari Tressler, and, back row, Laura Badgett, Angel Claycomb, Valerie Smith and Stacy Miles.

Family is at odds over sister's disinvitation

DEAR ABBY: My young daughter is the half-sister of a famous athlete's wife. They were married last year and invited my daughter. A week later they DISinvited her! There is a 20-year gap in their ages, but my daughter looks up to her half-sister. My daughter's feelings were really hurt. My feelings may have been even more hurt. All of her other siblings were there, as well as several other family members.

We were never told why my daughter was disinvited. Her father did not stand up to his older daughter for breaking his younger daughter's heart. My daughter is getting older, and she knows who her brother-in-law is when she sees him on TV. How can I stop being angry at these people for hurting my

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: My son, who is 32, moved back home six months ago. He's a college graduate with a degree in business, which he has never used. He works as a valet at a well-known golf and spa resort. He has no health insurance and stays in his room a lot playing video games. How can I help him find himself? — **KID'S MOM IN FLORIDA**

DEAR MAMA: You stated there is a 20-year age gap between your daughter and the bride. Is it possible that the bride and her famous fiance had concerns about someone so young (7, 8, 9?) at their high-profile wedding? Before your resentment continues to build, try having a rational conversation with your daughter's half-sister so

you fully understand the circumstances. While I do not support disinviting someone from a celebration, it's possible that the invitation was sent in error.

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DEAR MOM: Is your son suffering from depression or some other emotional problem? Is he at least paying rent? If the answer to that

question is no, help your son "find himself" by encouraging him to become independent and by refusing to continue allowing him to avoid accepting responsibility for himself by hiding in his room playing video games. Start now, or you will be writing me in another 10 years with this same issue.

DEAR ABBY: For his 60th birthday, my niece gave her brother a handmade quilt of pictures of their paternal grandmother and her second husband. There was not one picture of his maternal grandparents, who practically raised them. Their mother (my sister) argued with me that I was wrong to question why our parents were excluded. I would love to know

your opinion. — **WONDERING IN THE EAST**

DEAR WONDERING: I am glad you asked. This was none of your business, and you should have stayed out of it. Although you are entitled to your feelings, your niece gave her brother a gift from the heart, which took time and effort to create. You were wrong to criticize. If you feel she left some relatives out, create a family album for your nephew and give it to him.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more

information, call (260) 726-8463.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each

month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

9	2	5	6	8	3	4	1	7
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7	1	8	2	3	9	5	4	6
3	9	2	4	5	6	1	7	8
5	4	6	8	1	7	2	9	3
4	8	1	3	9	2	7	6	5
6	7	3	5	4	8	9	2	1
2	5	9	7	6	1	3	8	4

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.



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For Jay County Schools December 4-8

Monday: Main Entrees: Doritos, nacho cheese, tortilla chips, seasoned beef taco meat, shredded lettuce, **shredded cheddar cheese**
Alternate Entrees: Cereal, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Vegetarian refried beans, carnival cookie

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Beef hot dog on whole wheat bun **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** French fries

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas

Thursday: Main Entrees: Toasted cheese sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Campbell's tomato soup

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

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To the editor:
Once again, thank you to our Arts Place supporters.
The Jay County Campus of Arts Place held its 41st Annual Holiday Benefit Auction on Friday, Nov. 17. I am delighted to report that the auction raised \$18,465 due to your generosity.

As we reflect on the success of this year's auction, we are filled with optimism for the future of the arts in our community. With your continued support, we look forward to many more years of fostering

Letters to the Editor

creativity, nurturing local talent and bringing the joy of the arts to everyone.

This funding supports programs and services such as MusicWorks, ArtWorks, Arts in the Parks, exhibits and per-

formances at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place and Hudson Family Park amphitheater.

I would like to thank Arts Place staff, executive director Carolyn Carducci, Jay County Campus center director Shawnda Roussey, Amanda Chaffins, Teresa Penrod, Greg Ashley, Hannah Boggs and Allison Smiley; the Holiday Benefit Auction Committee members, Anni McClung, Cindy Denney, Bonnie Maitlen and Sarah Lingo; the Arts Place board of directors; Jay County Beverage for

providing the drinks for the evening; Janet Powers; Bizio Dips; Loy Auctioneering; Rob Weaver at WPGW; Bailey Cline at The Commercial Review; JCHS German Club; Jay County Wrestling Club; Jay County Civic Theatre; and all of the volunteers who helped make the event possible.

So many businesses, artists and private donors contributed traditional, creative and innovative gifts to the auction. Many thanks to our bidders, both veterans and newcomers, who

came out to support the auction with their generous bids.

Once again, thank you for being an integral part of the 41st Arts Place Holiday Benefit Auction. Your generosity has impacted the arts in our community, and we are truly grateful for your ongoing support.

We hope you can join us for next year's auction on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024.

Thank you,
Kristen Gibson
2023 Arts Place Holiday Benefit Auction committee chair

Peace will require justice

By AISHA KAYED and NATHANIEL HOFFMAN
The Idaho Statesman
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One of the biggest hurdles to talking about Israel and Palestine is where to start the conversation. Well, our story actually begins in the days after Sept. 11, 2001, when Nathaniel, a young reporter, met Aisha's father, Asad, a long-haul trucker. They talked about the tragedy of 9/11, the fear in the Muslim community even in places as far from New York as Boise, their respective time in Jerusalem and the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

Today, this may seem a remarkable encounter — a Jew and a Palestinian having an intimate conversation in Boise in the wake of the biggest attack on U.S. soil in generations. But it's not. It's where everything starts.

In September, we lost Asad after his truck ran off the road in southern Utah. And then in October, militants from Gaza breached the security fence around the Gaza Strip and murdered over 1,000 Israelis. Israel has retaliated by bombing Gaza to oblivion, murdering over 13,000 Palestinians, razing entire city blocks and displacing over a million Gazans.

Yet, our first instinct was to sit down for coffee together at Flying M and talk.

We talked about Asad and his remarkable journey from a Palestinian village near Jerusalem, to the U.S. where he eventually settled in Boise and raised his family, after a sojourn in Brazil. We talked about Aisha's recent summer visit to Shu'afat, where her family is from, about my family's connection to a neighboring Jewish sector in Jerusalem, and about what it means to watch this latest explosion of violence in a place we both know and love.

And we are here to tell you: It means something very different precisely because we know each other. We acknowledge each other's humanity, each other's history and our whole selves.

And this is what we know: For Israelis, and for Jewish people all over the world, including in Boise, the Hamas attack was so shocking and terrifying. Many Jewish people are just one or two degrees separated from someone killed or kidnapped on Oct. 7.

For Palestinians — the 2 million trapped in Gaza, and the 3 million across the West Bank — violence and the daily humiliations of occupation, are com-

Guest Opinion

When we stand together, there are not two sides to this conflict. There are just people, yearning to be free.

monplace. Palestinians grow up under military occupation and have for multiple generations. Every Palestinian is one or two degrees away from someone killed, imprisoned, detained, questioned, dispossessed of their land and robbed of their humanity.

Which brings us back to the question of where to begin.

We have marched together three times now — a Jewish American and a Palestinian American — calling for a ceasefire, which means an immediate, permanent stop to the brutal Israeli attack on Gaza and, of course, a stop to Hamas attacks on Israel as well. We are calling for a massive humanitarian mission to Gaza. And, importantly, we are both calling for an end to Israeli occupation of Gaza and the West Bank and for Palestinians to be free, yes, from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea.

These demands are the only way to increase safety and freedom for both Palestinians and Jews, all over the world, including in Israel. Our struggle to protect our fragile democracy here in the United States and to fight the twin evils of Islamophobia and antisemitism is directly parallel to our hopes for that rocky patch of land between the river and the sea.

Jewish safety and liberty is directly tied to Palestinian safety and freedom. When we stand together, there are not two sides to this conflict. There are just people, yearning to be free. Stand with us.

Kayed and Hoffman co-founded Boise To Palestine in 2021.



Unions about more than \$\$

By MICHAEL LEPPERT
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The Portland Public Schools (PPS) and the Portland Association of Teachers (PAT) reached a tentative agreement to their labor dispute on Sunday. The impasse had led to a three-week strike, cancelling eleven instructional days in Oregon's largest school district. Students returned to the classroom Monday.

The highlights of the dispute weren't novel. Teacher pay was a big item, and this deal landed in the middle ground there. Class size, student mental health support, class planning, and health and safety protections were also at issue, according to Oregon Public Broadcasting. But as is often the case in disputes like this, the collective total means more than the individual parts.

"This contract is a watershed moment for Portland students, families, and educators," said PAT President Angela Bonilla. "Educators walked picket lines alongside families, students, and allies — and because of that, our schools are getting the added investment they need."

Last week, members of the United Auto Workers ratified their new deal with The Big Three. The deal brought wage increases of at least 25% over four and a half years for members, but it was bigger than that. Toyota, Honda, Hyundai, and Subaru have all announced wage increases since the tentative deal was announced.

"These were just extraordinary wins, especially for those of us who've been studying strikes for decades," said Jake Rosenfeld, a sociology professor and labor expert at Washington University in St. Louis, to the Washington Post. "Research has consistently found over the past few decades that most strikes are defensive, rear-guard efforts to protect the status quo ... to fend off steep cuts to wages and benefits. It didn't mean actually gaining new ground."

Michael Leppert



Both leading presidential candidates publicly supported, in starkly different ways, the union efforts. President Joe Biden joined the picket line, an unprecedented move in American history. It is on brand for the pro-union president, but the gesture is only possible because of the public support for workers in the matter.

Workers are no longer alone. The support of the communities for the workers' perspective is incredibly valuable. And that support has a renewed, refreshed energy.

AP-NORC released its study on public support for the strike in October. There is clearly a shift documented in the data. Among the voluminous information in this comprehensive study is a top line item showing that the public supported workers over the companies by a four to one ratio. That sounds like a huge number if one looks at the "public" as simply observers of the matter. But in both the example of the Portland school teachers and the UAW, the "public" isn't objective.

In Portland, those "families, students and allies" had a stake in the dispute. With the UAW, the American automobile consumer is advocating that manufacturers spend more on cars the consumer will eventually want to buy. Both deals will likely lead to either higher prices or higher taxes. Yet the communities support them by wide margins.

And then there is the dispute that made me most pessimistic of all. You know, the one from the land of make-believe, Hollywood. How many Americans even knew that writers, directors and actors had separate unions

and separate deals with a variety of studios and production companies? Here in the Heartland, I'm betting not many. Then the other hurdle for the unions to overcome: the appearance that the dispute is just a bunch of rich people fighting with other rich people.

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers rightfully felt like they could outlast the Writers Guild of America and the actors' union, SAG-AFTRA. Strategically, there shouldn't have been a reason to predict that the public, again, a group otherwise known as customers, would go without the products they are accustomed to mindlessly absorbing without a thought of how they are created. For the entire summer? No chance. The studios should have expected these so-called worker bees to fold.

That is exactly what didn't happen. Vanity Fair published a good breakdown of who the ultimate winners and losers were in this strike. But practically buried at the end of it, in the "losers" section, is "audiences." In it, the loss here features the interruption of programming during the strike. What is missing is that the outcome of the strike will almost certainly result in fewer productions.

Did the audience not get this part of this complicated dispute? Maybe. More importantly though, audiences chose creators, artisans, and yes, workers over moguls.

The American people have lined up with the ones brave enough to go out on strike in 2023. Workers won big this year; but it is my view that the public won even more. Communities learned how to do important things together again.

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Taraji P. Henson as Shug Avery, Fantasia Barrino as Celie and Danielle Brooks as Sophia in Warner Bros. Pictures' bold new take on a classic, "The Color Purple."

Cuban leaving 'Shark Tank'

By ALEXANDRA DEL ROSARIO
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Mark Cuban, a longtime "Shark Tank" business guru, says he is ready to invest less time on-air and more of it in his personal life.

Cuban announced he will be leaving ABC's "Shark Tank" after its 16th season in 2025, more than a decade after he first joined the main cast in 2012. The Dallas Mavericks owner doubled down on his decision, first announced last week, telling the Hollywood Reporter he wants to focus on his children.

"I just want to have a couple summers with my teens before they go off on their own," he told THR. "Nothing to do with the show. I love it. I love being on it. I love what [it] represents and how it motivates entrepreneurs around the world."

Representatives for ABC did not confirm news of Cuban's exit. A representative for Cuban did not immediately respond to the L.A. Times' request for confirmation Tuesday.

The 65-year-old businessman has three children — 20-year-old Alexis Sofia, 17-year-old Alyssa and 14-year-old Jake — with wife Tiffany Stewart. He first revealed his plans to leave "Shark Tank" during an episode of former NBA players Matt Barnes' and Stephen Jackson's "All The Smoke" podcast released last week.

"This is our 15th year. Next year, 16th year, is going to be my last year. I got one more year to go," Cuban said before adding, "It's time."

Cuban, who is also the co-owner of 2929 Entertainment and Cost Plus Drugs, made his "Shark Tank" debut as a guest judge in 2011. The following year, he joined the main cast and has since appeared in hundreds of episodes with fellow judges Daymond John, Barbara Corcoran, Robert Herjavec, Kevin O'Leary and Lori Greiner. In the ABC series, small-business owners pitch their ideas before several panelists, hoping to land deals that could potentially skyrocket their businesses to success. During his tenure, Cuban has invested in numerous "Shark Tank" businesses — reportedly \$29 million in at least 85 companies.

"It sends the message the American Dream is a live and well," he said. "We've trained ... multiple generations of entrepreneurs that if somebody can come from Iowa or Sacramento or wherever, and show up on the carpet of 'Shark Tank' and show their business and get a deal, that's going to inspire generations of kids," Cuban added.

Elsewhere during his "All The Smoke" appearance, Cuban reflected on how "lucky" he'd been in life, telling the co-hosts, "When I die, I want to come back as me."

Big month for cinema

By MOIRA MACDONALD
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As the end of the year draws near, so do some of the year's biggest and/or most intriguing movies. Here's a sampling of what's on tap for late 2023; dates indicate theatrical releases (and note that these are ever-changeable).

Dec. 8

"The Boy and the Heron": The great Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki came out of retirement to make this film, in which a boy coping with grief follows a heron into a tower and discovers a fantastical world.

"Maestro": Bradley Cooper directed and stars in this biopic about composer Leonard Bernstein ("West Side Story") and his complex relationship with his wife Felicia Montealegre (Carey Mulligan). (Also streaming on Netflix beginning Dec. 20.)

"Poor Things": Yorgos Lanthimos' films ("The Lobster," "The Favourite") defy characterization — black comedy? Fantasy? Wildly creative drama? All of the above? His latest features Emma Stone as a Victorian woman reanimated after her suicide.

Dec. 15

"Wonka": Family movie alert: Timothée Chalamet plays the title role in this prequel to "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," directed by Paul King, who made the delightful "Paddington" movies.

"The Zone of Interest": Jonathan Glazer ("Under the Skin," "Sexy Beast") directs this drama in which a commandant at Auschwitz tries to create a dream life there for his family.

"All Of Us Strangers": A gay

London man (Andrew Scott) mysteriously re-connects with his long-dead parents (Claire Foy, Jamie Bell) in Andrew Haigh's drama.

"American Fiction": Winner of the People's Choice Award for best film at the Toronto International Film Festival, this literary comedy features Jeffrey Wright as a Black novelist who, frustrated when told his books "aren't Black enough," writes a pseudonymous novel steeped in racial cliché.

"Anyone But You": Need a rom-com for Christmas weekend? Here's one: Sydney Sweeney and Glen Powell play a pair of wedding guests pretending to be a couple, and surely we can guess what happens next.

"Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom": It's not the holiday season without at least one big superhero movie, right? This one features the return of Jason Momoa's Aquaman.

"Migration": Kumail Nanjiani, Elizabeth Banks and Awkwafina head the voice cast for this cute-looking animated comedy about a family of ducks that gets lost while attempting to head south for the winter.

Dec. 25

"The Boys in the Boat": It's been a long wait for the screen version of local author Daniel James Brown's bestselling book about the University of

Washington crew team who competed — against all odds — at the 1936 Olympics. George Clooney directs; Callum Turner stars as rower Joe Rantz.

"The Color Purple": First a novel, then a movie, then a Broadway musical and now a movie version of the Broadway musical: Alice Walker's book of a woman's journey through hardship to independence has traveled a long road. Fantasia Barrino, Taraji P. Henson and Halle Bailey star in this latest version.

"Ferrari": Michael Mann's latest features the appropriately named Adam Driver as Enzo Ferrari, founder of the Italian car company, as he enters a team in a grueling thousand-mile race across Italy in 1957.

Dates TBD

"The Crime Is Mine": Based on a 1934 play, this comedic farce about murder and tabloid fame in 1930s Paris looks like a very chic kick — and it's directed by the always-interesting French filmmaker Francois Ozon ("Swimming Pool," "8 Women").

"Eileen": Anne Hathaway and Thomasin McKenzie ("Last Night in Soho") play two women working in a prison in this psychological thriller, based on the award-winning 2015 novel by Ottessa Moshfegh.

"Fast Charlie": Pierce Brosnan, a charming presence who's struggled to find the

right vehicle after playing James Bond years ago, here goes dark, playing a violent hit man trying to prove the identity of a headless corpse.

"The Iron Claw": This fact-based drama from Sean Durkin ("Martha Marcy May Marlene") is the story of a family of professional wrestlers; Zac Efron stars.

"Occupied City": Academy Award-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen ("12 Years a Slave") turns his eye to documentary for this portrait of the city of Amsterdam and its recovery from Nazi occupation during World War II.

"Origin": In this unique drama from Ava DuVernay ("Selma"), Aunjanue Ellis depicts Isabel Wilkerson, the real-life author of "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents," as she faces personal tragedy while writing the book. In the supporting cast are Audra McDonald, Vera Farmiga, Nick Offerman and Niecy Nash.

"The Taste of Things": Bring your appetite to this one: Juliette Binoche and Benoit Magimel play a chef and her restaurant-owner employer in this food-filled French romantic drama set in 1880s France.

"Waitress: The Musical": Recorded from a 2021 Broadway performance, this stage version of the 2007 film about a waitress who sees pie-baking as a road out of her troubles stars Sara Bareilles, who also wrote the music and lyrics.



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12-2 CRYPTOQUIP

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QE BPP HLSF FN SEKREB
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CESD DMRYM YQFB HRLXA.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF MANY FOLKS DECIDE TO START SLEEPING ON CORDUROY PILLOWS, WOULD THAT MAKE HEAD LINES?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals G

Trivial Review
(Answers are printed below, upside down.)
It's all business
1) What did Hallmark start its business with before making the change to greeting cards?
2) What was Chevron previously known as before changing names in 1984?
Answers: 1) Postcards 2) Standard Oil of California

12-4 CRYPTOQUIP
"JSBSI JOM" KAVVOAM TOGZHU
TZI UGZXAMF BZEOLLZ KAO
O ESMYOEVS VZMF - BHESY
JAJS: LOJBOAM WZZXOW.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: I ORDERED A CHICKEN AND AN EGG FROM MY ONLINE SUPERMARKET. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHICH CAME FIRST.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals P

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to technology. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = C)
A. 25 14 15 4 26 7 17 2
Clue: Machine that performs operations
B. 16 17 1 24 25 17
Clue: Gadget
C. 7 17 25 5
Clue: Abbreviation for electronic devices
D. 25 14 15 15 26 22 24 25 12 7 17
Clue: Exchange information or ideas

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to technology.
MIROOTN
Answer: Monitor

Guess Who?
I am an actress born in Scotland on November 28, 1987. Prior to acting I worked as a model in the UK. I rose to fame on the show "Dr. Who." I'm also known as a villain of sorts in some of the Marvel universe movies, as well as a role in the 2017 "Jumanji" sequel.
Answer: Karen Gillan

kids' corner
Illustration of a child's desk with a laptop, calculator, and books.

PEOPLE FACT:
EVEN THOUGH 'BLACK FRIDAY' TENDS TO BE THE BUSIEST SHOPPING DAY OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, THIS DAY ALSO ATTRACTS CROWDS OF SHOPPERS.
ANSWER: THE LAST SATURDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Purchase
SPANISH: Comprar
ITALIAN: Comprare
FRENCH: Acheter
GERMAN: Etwas kaufen

Maze Craze
Can you find your way through the maze?
START FINISH

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
NOV 28
1814: 'THE TIMES' OF LONDON BECOMES THE FIRST NEWSPAPER TO BE PRINTED ON A STEAM-POWERED PRINTING PRESS.
1919: LADY AGTOR BECOMES THE FIRST WOMAN TO SIT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.
1991: SOUTH OSSETIA DECLARES INDEPENDENCE FROM GEORGIA.

TECHNOLOGY WORD SEARCH
K L T Q P Y H V E E H G Q O M P P E K F
U Y N I T R Q U O G P V A Q E I F R B E
F W C R E O M L A R S L S T C O L S K L
F I U E C E M N E A E O P H W E T M F P I
I F B U H E H M B M L Q D B C A E E O F
V I O E N M A W B I O M R V R R O U T M Q
K U P U O F D A T A E N E T R R O U T M Q
S Y Q Q L W S T Y P S D P D M U B U S C
B W L E O S E L B A C H P M O R Q R Q A
M D O F G R G T T W O I U E M E E A A
A M P D Y O I W R N L N C L R M V S P C
P K O W L S U E E E I G I Q U E U Y D B A
S C T C T A B O C C H A D V T O P M T I
L G P G Y W U P A I N Y P L U B V I A T
I V A K W O C T L T V I H L O E E V B O
A W L C Y B I U R L R E M E R U E I L O
M L V W V O B N V I R G D G U N U O E B
E M U A N A O Y W N V L H K Q U E T Q T E
B S U S P P U K C A B A C K U Y M B F K R
K Q Q P B Q A T P D B T Y U K T S S U N
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS
APP
BACKUP
CABLES
COMMUNICATIONS
DATA
DEVICE
EMAIL
FEATURES
FILE
LAPTOP
MEMORY
MERGE
MODEM
QUEUE
REBOOT
RELIANT
ROUTER
SMARTPHONE
SPAM
SPLITTER
TABLET
TECHNOLOGY
VIRTUAL
WIFI

New Word
DEBIT
amount owed or removed from an account

Did You Know?
CUSTOMERS WHO WANT TO AVOID THE CROWDS ON BLACK FRIDAY CAN SHOP LOCALLY ON SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: SALE SIGN

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Trenches
5 Online auction site
9 Binge
12 Bickering
13 Edible gelato holder
14 Exist
15 Bean variety
16 Aspiring atty.'s exam
17 Pep
18 Thunder god
19 Off-torn knee part, for short
20 Crazes
21 Texter's "No more!"
23 Egg (Pref.)
25 Firetruck necessity
28 Full chromosome set
32 Winning
33 Stair part
34 Playful talk
36 Guarantee
37 Perfume label
38 "Not impressed"
39 Meadows
42 Unruly group
44 Craving
48 Mensa stats
49 Wrench, for one
50 Concept
51 Fanatic
52 "Clair de —"
53 Forbidden act
54 Sportage maker
55 Stuff tightly
56 Goals
DOWN
1 Huck's transport
2 Hexagonal state
3 DVR brand
4 When new employees begin work
5 Patisserie buy
6 Pear choice
7 Not digital, as a watch
8 Still
9 Coffee, slangily
10 Bone-dry
11 Jewels terminus
22 Euripides tragedy
24 Nemo's creator
25 Science room
26 "Now I get it!"
27 Lair
29 Buck-eyes' sch.
30 Sea, to Henri
31 Before
35 Adele's —
36 Insignia
39 Nexus
40 Iso-
41 "The Thin Man" dog
43 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
45 Japanese noodle
46 Dispatch
47 Art colony in New Mexico
49 Patient's need, briefly

Solution time: 26 mins.
Crossword grid with filled-in letters.

Yesterday's answer 12-2
Crossword grid with filled-in letters.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Accidentally on purpose
East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠ J 9 4, ♥ A 8 5, ♦ A Q J, ♣ A J 10 9
WEST: ♠ 6, ♥ Q J 10 9 6, ♦ 10 8 5 3, ♣ K 6 2
EAST: ♠ 5, ♥ K 7 3, ♦ K 9 7 4 2, ♣ Q 8 5 3
SOUTH: ♠ A K Q 10 8 7 3 2, ♥ 4 2, ♦ 6, ♣ 7 4
The bidding: East 4♠, South Pass, West 4♣, North Pass. Opening lead: queen of hearts.
Some card combinations offer declarer a choice of finessing against either opponent. A typical case would be one in which declarer has, say, the A-J-2 and dummy has the K-10-3 of the same suit. Declarer can make all three tricks in the suit by taking a finesse in the right direction, basing his decision on who he thinks is more likely to hold the missing queen.
Declarers who are successful most or all of the time in these situations are frequently deemed by their opponents to be "lucky." But in many cases, luck really has nothing to do with it.
Consider the North-South diamond holding in today's hand, where South is in six spades. It illustrates another version of a "two-way finesse." If declarer thinks West has the missing king, he leads the six and finesses the jack.
But if declarer thinks East has the king, he leads the six to the ace and returns the queen through East's king, ruffing if East plays the king or discarding a loser if East follows low. Either way, declarer scores two diamond tricks.
Which way to take the finesse would therefore appear to be a guess, but that is not really true in this case since South can assure the slam by simply playing his cards correctly.
Declarer should win the heart lead with the ace, cash the ace of spades and ace of diamonds, then lead the queen of diamonds from dummy. Let's assume that East follows low (it doesn't help him to cover).
In that case, South is sure to make 12 tricks by discarding a heart. Even if West wins the trick, declarer can later discard his losing club on the jack of diamonds to secure the slam.
The same, of course, would not be true if South elected to finesse against West for the king. If the finesse lost, as it would in the actual deal, East would cash a heart to defeat the contract. Thus, there is only one right way to take the two-way finesse, and neither luck nor guesswork has anything to do with it.
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Famous Hand
South dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠ A 8 7 5, ♥ Q 2, ♦ 8 6 3, ♣ A K 9 7
WEST: ♠ Q J 10 2, ♥ 3, ♦ Q J 7 5 4, ♣ Q 4 3
EAST: ♠ K 4, ♥ J 9 5 4, ♦ A 9, ♣ J 10 8 6 2
SOUTH: ♠ 9 6 3, ♥ A K 10 8 7 6, ♦ K 10 2, ♣ 5
The bidding: South 1♥, West Pass, North 1♠, East Pass. Opening lead: diamond queen.
This deal occurred in a match between two U.S. teams in the semifinal of the 2000 Orbis Bermuda Bowl, held in Bermuda on the 50th anniversary of the event. The world title was ultimately captured by the U.S. squad of Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Richard Freeman and Nick Nickell, which scored a lopsided victory over Brazil in the final.
When the deal was first played, Meckstroth became declarer at four hearts after the auction shown. West, perhaps influenced by North's spade bid, led the diamond queen, which proved to make all the difference in the outcome.
East overtook the queen with the ace and returned a diamond to South's king. Meckstroth cashed the Q-A of hearts, disclosing the 4-1 trump split, and then set about reducing his trump length in preparation for a coup.
He started by cashing the A-K of clubs, discarding a diamond, and ruffed a club. A spade to the ace was followed by a diamond ruff, after which Meckstroth exited with a spade. Regardless of how East-West defended, declarer could not be prevented from scoring his ninth and 10th tricks with the K-10 of hearts, and the game was home.
At the other table, four hearts was reached by a different route after South opened two hearts (weak) rather than one. Here, spades had not been bid, so Freeman, West, led the spade queen, removing a vital entry from dummy.
After ducking the first spade and taking the second, the declarer, Jeff Wolfson, cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding a spade, and then led a diamond to the king, which held. The Q-A of hearts revealed the trump situation, but with the ace of spades already gone, Wolfson could not reach dummy enough times to reduce his trump holding for the coup, so he finished down one for a loss of 12 IMPs.
Tomorrow: Merrily we roll along.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Squad
5 Wee
8 Church area
12 D.C. veteran
14 New York's — Field
15 Board game pieces
16 Eye drop
17 Airline to Sweden
18 Matt with a popular website
20 Use elbow grease on
23 Cruising
24 Rock's Mötley —
25 Dropped the ball
28 Ad —
29 Implores
30 Cover
32 Introduce gradually
34 Employ
35 —
36 Particulars, in slang
37 "Good grief!"
40 "Diamonds" singer
41 Actor
42 Some subway drivers
47 Garrison
48 The whole crowd
49 Ways to the WWW
50 At once
51 Roof overhang
DOWN
1 Super-market ID
2 Kabuki alter-native
21 Cut short
22 "I — -de- stubbed my toe!"
23 Saul Bellow's March
25 First-termers
26 Writer
27 Grime
29 Exploits
31 —
33 Warnings
34 Call for attention
36 Couturier Christian
37 California's — Stadium
38 Med. plan options
39 Tombstone lawman
40 Hearty dish
43 Egg (Pref.)
44 Extinct bird
45 Ltr. holder
46 Born

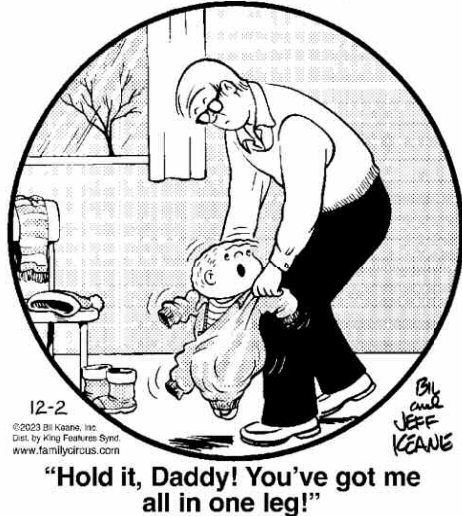
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Crossword grid with filled-in letters.

Saturday's answer 12-4
Crossword grid with filled-in letters.

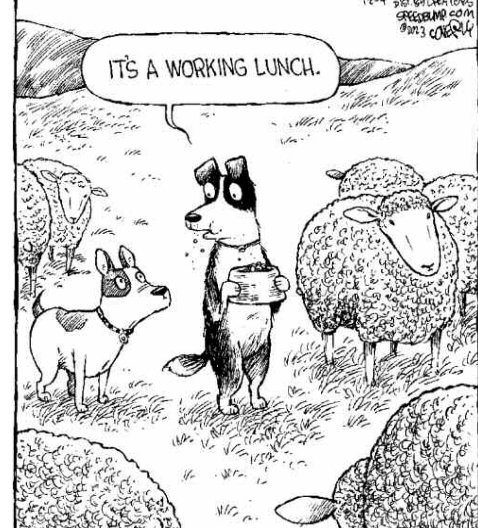
SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



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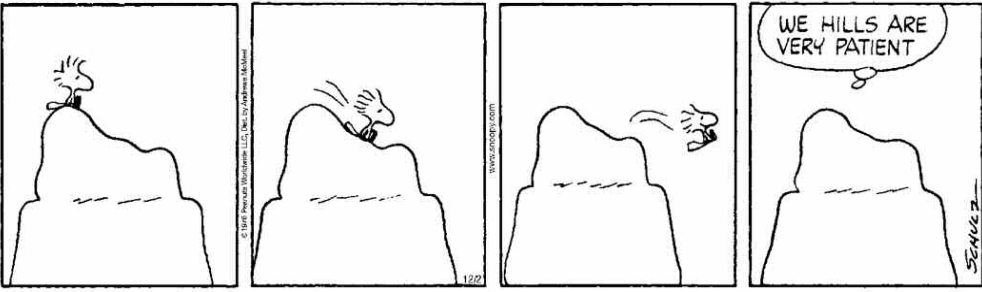
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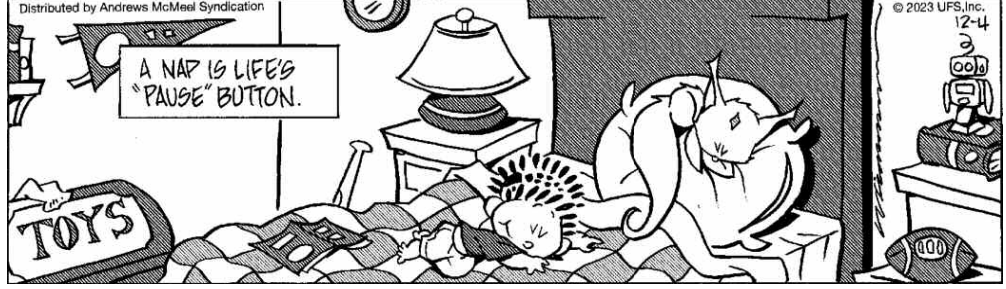
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Getting physical

Patriots show strength in fighting off Woodlan

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

At the 7 minute, 47 second mark in the third quarter, forward Trevin Dunnington got whistled for his third foul.

Then center Westly Bihn picked up his third at 4:18.

Three seconds later, starting point guard Parker Nichols committed his third.

Back-to-back fouls by forward Ben Crouch saddled him with three at 3:33.

The Patriots' front court was thinning out and the Warriors were shooting as many free throws as they wanted. However, the Warriors had a problem. They couldn't knock down foul shots and gave up easy baskets on the other end.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team survived a tumultuous third quarter and came out strong in the fourth to put away the Woodlan Warriors 55-42 in the Allen County Athletic Conference opener Friday night.

"The way this game was going ... you want to talk about a physical basketball game?" JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt said. "Two years ago we couldn't play this game because they wouldn't have been strong enough."

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Ben Crouch (22) finishes a layup in the second quarter Friday as Jay County High School opened Allen County Athletic conference play with a 55-42 victory.

The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

JCHS swim splits with Indians

ANDERSON — The Patriots split in their first dual meet of the season with wide margins.

Two days later, they saw similar results for the girls, while the boys closed the gap.

The Jay County High School swim teams took on the Anderson Indians on Thursday with the girls winning 133-46 while the boys fell 108-62.

The girls (2-0) took the top spot in 10 of the 12 events. Morgan DeHoff led the way with a pair of wins in the 100-yard butterfly and the 100 breaststroke with times of 1 minute, 15.25 seconds, and 1:21.14, respectively. She was also on the 200 and 400 freestyle relays that took first place.

After failing to win an event against Bluffton, the boys won two Thursday.

David Keen was victorious in the butterfly, with a time of 1:10.66.

Brasen Glassford took the diving win uncontested with a score of 106.7.

Other first-place finishes for the girls came from the 200 medley relay (2:17.06), Aubrey Millsbaugh in the 200 freestyle (2:28.82), Maisey Keller in the 200 IM (2:54.09), Maddy Snow in the diving (202.5), Zion Beiswanger in the 500 freestyle (6:41.34) and Kenzie Huey in the 100 backstroke (1:13.29).

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